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LETTER DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement by the
Presidency of the European Union on Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued on
15 September 1998.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its
annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations



Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement by the Presidency of the European Union on
Bosnia and Herzegovina issued on 15 September 1998

The European Union expresses its satisfaction with the peaceful and orderly course of the general elections held in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 12 and 13 September 1998. The holding of these elections in a positive climate was an important step in the process of implementation of the Dayton Accords, on the road to enhanced stability, normality and reconciliation in that country.

The European Union is particularly satisfied with the high voter turnout, which gives proof of the growing democratic maturity of the population of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and with the positive and constructive role played by the police and by the media.

The European Union would like to commend the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the professional preparation and organization of these elections under very difficult circumstances. The European Union was also involved in these endeavours through bilateral contributions of its member States, through financial support provided by the Union itself and through the participation of the European Community Monitoring Mission.

The European Union hopes that the election results will become available soon and that they will substantiate the initial signs of broad electoral support for the moderate, pro Dayton and tolerance-minded parties and candidates.
